

REMARKS

The indication that claims 3-9 have been allowed and that claims 10-12 and 13-15 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claims 10 and 11 have been amended into independent form by adding the subject matter of claim 1 thereto. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 2 has been amended to be dependent from claim 10 and claims 13-15 have been canceled.

Claims 1-2 were rejected as unpatentable over CHANG et al. 5,367,523 in view of TOPOREK et al. 6,654,344. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment in which the claims have been amended to include subject matter indicated to be patentable.

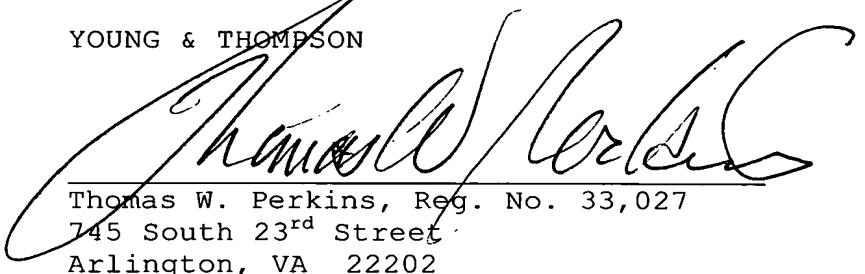
In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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